

REPORTED BY THE COMMITTEE OF CLAIMS.

FEBRUARY 14, 1827.

Read twice, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

## A BILL

*For the relief of Richard Harris and Nimrod Farrow.*

1        *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives*  
2   *of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That*  
3   *the proper accounting officers of the Treasury Department*  
4   *be, and they are hereby, authorized and directed to settle the*  
5   *claim of Richard Harris and Nimrod Farrow, arising from a*  
6   *contract made by them with the Government of the United*  
7   *States, to erect a fortification on Dauphin Island, and to pay,*  
8   *in consequence of said claim, in the manner hereinafter di-*  
9   *rected, the sum of thirty-nine thousand and thirty-nine dollars*  
10   *and eighty-five cents, out of any money in the Treasury, not*  
11   *otherwise appropriated.*

1        *Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That the Secretary of*  
2   *the Department of War shall have power to appoint a Com-*  
3   *missioner, whose duty it shall be to ascertain, and report to*  
4   *the said Secretary, all just claims or demands, by individuals*  
5   *or companies, against the said Harris and Farrow, growing*  
6   *out of the contract to erect a fortification on Dauphin Island;*  
7   *and the said claims or demands, when ascertained and report-*

9 ed, as aforesaid, shall be discharged out of the aforesaid sum  
10 of thirty-nine thousand and thirty-nine dollars and eighty-five  
11 cents, if it be sufficient for that purpose ; but, if the aforesaid  
12 sum should not be sufficient to discharge or pay off all the  
13 just claims or demands, growing out of the contract, against  
14 the said Harris and Farrow, then it shall be applied towards  
15 the payment of the claims or demands, in a rateable propor-  
16 tion to the amount of each claim or demand.

1       SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* 'That no claim or de-  
2 mand shall be presented for payment, under the second sec-  
3 tion of this act, unless it be for work and labor done, or ma-  
4 terials furnished, for the fulfilment of the contract of the said  
5 Harris and Farrow to erect a fortification on Dauphin Island,  
6 as aforesaid, or for services rendered in prosecuting and set-  
7 tling their claim ; and whatever balance, if any, of the afore-  
8 said sum of thirty-nine thousand and thirty-nine dollars and  
9 eighty-five cents, may remain, after discharging or paying off  
10 the claims or demands as above stated, shall be paid to, or  
11 divided among the several partners concerned in the contract,  
12 according to the engagements or agreements now subsisting  
13 between them.